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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUEST FOR NEW U.S./IAEA/MEXICO
SUPPLY AGREEMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 51149

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER CONCERNING
REQUEST BY GOM FOR AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
ADDITIONAL FUEL MATERIAL FOR TRIGA MARK III RESEARCH
REACTOR AT THE MEXICAN NUCLEAR CENTER AT SALAZAR,
MEXICO. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, MISSION INFORMED AGENCY
BY LETTER OF MARCH 6 THAT, UPON RECEIPT OF DETAILED
INFORMATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUEL MATERIAL
DESIRED, U.S. IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING
SUPPLY THROUGH IAEA.

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2. AGENCY LETTER NOTES THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES
RECENTLY NOTIFIED SECRETARIAT OF THEIR NEEDS FOR FUEL
MATERIAL AND FOR A FISSION COUNTER FOR THE REACTOR
AS SPECIFIED BELOW:

A. FUEL ELEMENTS WITH ENRICHED URANIUM AT 70 PERCENT - 44

STANDARD-TYPE ELEMENTS, CATALOG NUMBER 110, U-235(G)/
ELEMENT - 135.8; 4 INSTRUMENT-TYPE ELEMENTS, CATALOG
NUMBER 210, U-235(G)/ELEMENT 135.8; AND 6 CONTROL ROD -
TYPE ELEMENTS, CATALOG NUMBER 310, U-235(G)/ELEMENT -
112. TOTAL: 7,190.4 GRAMS OF U-235, TO BE SUPPLIED BY
GENERAL ATOMIC.

B. FISSION COUNTER: SPECIFICATIONS: MANUFACTURER:
WESTINGHOUSE. MATERIALS: (1) MATERIAL SENSITIVE TO
NEUTRONS, USING URANIUM ENRICHED TO MORE THAN 90 PERCENT
U-235; AND (2) FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF ARGON AND
NITROGEN. IMPEDANCE: RESISTANCE (MINIMUM) 10 TO 9
OHMS CAPACITY 190 MICROFARADS. URANIUM-235: 1.72
GRAMS.

3. IN PROVIDING FOREGOING DETAILED INFORMATION,
MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RECEIVE
DRAFT OF A NEW SUPPLY AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WITH A VIEW TO EARLIEST CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

4. MEXICANS HAVE NOT RPT NOT PROVIDED ANY TECHNICAL/
ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUIREMENT OF HIGHLY
ENRICHED URANIUM IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST.

5. COPIES OF AGENCY LETTER POUCHED HOYLE, OES/NET AND
MCFADDEN/DOE. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE
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